



## WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>TH</sup> March 2024 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

*Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair), D Anderson, J Mather, S Mather, S Robbins, J Stevens  
Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk, and one member of the public. SCC Cllr Lever and ESC Cllr Plummer*

#### Minutes

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  - a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies were received from SCC Ward Cllr Topping.
  - b) *To receive any Declarations of Non registrable interest* regarding the agenda – Nil
  - c) *To receive a Declaration of Other registrable interest.* Cllr Robbins re community hall. Cllr Stevens re planning application for Marsh Lane
  - d) *To receive any Declaration of Prejudicial Interest* regarding the agenda Cllr Summerfield re Community Hall.
  - e) *To receive any Requests for Dispensation on matters relating to the agenda* Nil
  - f) *To remind councillors to update the Register of Interests* online. Noted
2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting – agreed by all.
3. *Meeting adjourned for public participation. During each meeting the council will adjourn for a period of 10 minutes for public questions. During this time, residents can put questions to the Chairman regarding matters on the agenda. Where possible, the Chairman will respond but the matter may have to be deferred and placed on a later month's agenda for discussion.*
  - a) *Public* – Members were advised that the new rector of Beccles will live at Worlingham rectory.
  - b) *SCC Ward Cllr Topping and SCC Ward Cllr Lever– ESC Ward Cllr and ESC Leader Cllr Topping*  
ESC / SCC Reports had been circulated.

Members were advised that there is a moratorium on Locality budgets until after the PCC election.

20mph for Marsh Lane- Cllr Lever advised that there is a 20mph policy which SCC use to assess 20mph requests and one of the requirements is that mean speed needs to be 20 – 24 mph. Any higher necessitates traffic calming measures. Presently costs £390 for the speed survey to assess speed, whilst a corresponding TRO cost £10k. TRO can cover more than one road – so the council were asked to consider where else a TRO might be needed. Council also to consider where other 20mph might be required – so that all could be applied for as one project – Consider Garden Lane and Rectory Lane.?

It was suggested that a traffic survey on Marsh Lane now, might form the basis of knowing how much traffic increases once SWT open Worlingham Marshes.

It was suggested that the potential for 20mph be mentioned in the next newsletter – other possible roads could be those with play areas / school on them.

SCC Cllr Lever advised that a resident has contacted him regarding street lighting – and he will respond direct.

SCC Cllrs Lever and Topping are meeting with Virgin who are considering upgrading the fibre network in Beccles - but this will involve more road closures.

4 Chairman's Report including.

- Update re incinerator licence V C Cooke – No further updates are available.
- Beccles and Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood – consultation awaited. No further update
- D Day anniversary – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The parish council is not organising anything itself but would be pleased to join in with a multiparish church service if this was felt appropriate by the church.
- Worlingham marshes – meeting being arranged with SWT to find out more about this project. Councillors were interested in the traffic / car park for the site – would SWT be contributing to the road upkeep?

5 Planning

a) *Applications received prior to the meeting including.*

Nil

b) *ESC Decisions received.* Nil

c) *Any other planning matters.*

ESC Cllr Plummer spoke about the planning cttee – the application for 1 Broadland Close had been discussed and Cllr Robbins had attended. The application was approved. It was suggested that all responses should refer to N Plan policies and if possible, policies from the Local Plan too. Members were advised to detail a specific N Plan policy in responses to give the best chance of the planning cttee agreeing.

ESC has responded to the Digester planning application.

Woodland behind Marsh Lane – a new application has been submitted for just tents and one pod – not caravans. Therefore, the concerns re caravans travelling along Marsh Lane might not have such an impact as previous. Forest School is well established but there does not appear to be planning permission for this over and above the 28-day temporary allowance. This to be raised to ESC enforcement if it remains in situ.

6 Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.

- Litter pick dates – Third Thursday of each month at 10.30am at rear of school. Discussion about how to reduce rubbish being left on Old Lowestoft Road.
- Community Partnership – the present officer is moving roles, so the group are awaiting details of the new officer for this area. It was suggested that Beccles/ North Cove/ Barnby and Worlingham parishes ought to be considering what their parishioners need and work together on projects. Beccles has a community network group which the Town Mayor is co ordinating.

- Councillor training – councillors to e mail the clerk with anything that they might like to do.
- Climbing wall and mobile skatepark – it was agreed by all to try and get the facility to the school one day during school holidays.
- Entrance gateway – the person who completed the Beccles side of the gateway has offered to look at the one on the exit from Worlingham.
- Trees overgrown on Beccles bypass – need cutting back – report on Highways reporting tool.

7. Play area capital projects –

Woodfield Park – new apparatus/ cleaning of equipment as phase 1. Hags are the manufacturers of the equipment at the park. Council to meet to choose 7 or 8 pieces of equipment that perhaps can then be shown to the school children to choose their preferred pieces. Then look at funding opportunities including Tesco. Discussion about capital sum required.

**It was agreed by all to budget £50k for play area improvements- this to include Capital Equipment at Woodfield Park and the conservation cuts at Werels Loke in 2024. 2025**

Bluebell Way capital equipment to be considered as phase 2.

Accessible swing in Werels Loke needs to be considered – as is difficult to get to at present.

Seat installations – ESS has 3 seats to install – location for concrete pads to be agreed.

**The Community Facility had applied for funding from SCC Cllr Topping – but cannot have this as they cannot spend it in the required period. Parish Council could apply for the funding to purchase talking seats. Agreed by all to approach SCC Cllr Topping and apply.**

Rospa repairs need carrying out on all play areas – Vertas and ESS to be approached.

Vertas are the contractors for Werels Loke grass and conservation area – as well as Park Drive  
ESS are the contractors for all other play areas/ open spaces.

8. Play area – conservation/ biodiversity net gain.

- Woodfield Park - creation of woodland area – community payback will help once a design has been created.  
Suggested that contact be made again with SWT for design and ideas, school children, Mr Trew re bat boxes, and members of the local community. Full plan will need to be designed. Contact could then be made with Betts and ESS re wood chippings. Cathy Smith from SWT to be approached for initial ideas.
- **Tree survey received – It was agreed by all to go ahead with all recommended and advisory works.**

Discussion about other tree matters including trees felled by Worlingham Hall, TPO possibilities for those trees likely to be affected by the Garden Village development.

9. Highways - including.

20mph request for Marsh Lane – see above. SCC policy guidelines would need to be met.

10. Finance Matters including.

- a. Authorisation of cheques for payment.

A full financial summary of the Council balances, and the cheques for payment, was provided for councillors as attached to the main copy of the minutes and cheques as detailed in the Receipts and Payments. These were read out to the Council meeting. **It was RESOLVED by all** that the payments as detailed could be made.

- b. Donation requests – nil

- c Grants – there are several grants comes becoming available and council will apply for any which could assist the community.

11. Policies – to be considered at next meeting.

12. Date of next meetings. All at 6.30pm unless otherwise required.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm – guest speaker Salvation Army

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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